

Internet, the profile data being accessible at a time contemporaneous with its input by the remote users;

the service system conditioning issuance of the redeemable coupons to remote users based upon the entry of profile data requested of the remote users by the service system; and

making accessible over the Internet to selective remote users selective offers for the redeemable coupons, the selective offers being based on analysis of the profile data.

59. The process of Claim 58, further comprising the step of associating identification data with the redeemable coupons.

60. The process of Claim 58, wherein the step of associating identification data with the redeemable coupons occurs after the entry of profile data by the remote users.

REMARKS

Claims 20-60 are new and pending. Claims 17-52 were previously allowed in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/073,334, filed May 6, 1998, which was withdrawn in order to cite new art made aware to Applicants after the issue fee was paid, as a result of pending litigation involving the parent issued patent, U.S. Patent No. 5,761,648. The new claims clarify the scope of the invention.

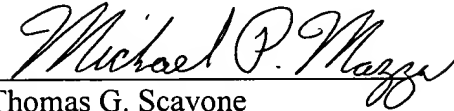
A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Amendment. This Statement identifies all of the art previously identified in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 27, 2000 in this application, as well as additional art. Applicants request its consideration.

The specification has been revised for clarity. Revisions (2)-(6) are identical, or nearly identical, to the revisions previously made and accepted during the prosecution of U.S. Serial No. 08/507,693, filed July 25, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,761,648 ("the parent case"). Revision (7) finds explicit support in original Claims 8, 13 (last paragraph), 16 and 19 (last paragraph).

It is not believed that any new matter has been added to the claims. For example, support for Claim 43 is found at, e.g., page 3, lines 11-14 and page 9, lines 3-5. Support for Claims 58-60 is found at, e.g., FIGURE 4, page 12, lines 14-24, and page 9, lines 3-9.

While it is not believed that new matter has been added, Applicants earnestly request that a careful examination of any potential new matter be made by the Examiners since litigants have, in the past, made arguments to courts that new matter exists in issued claims of the '648 patent (see the summary judgment briefs attached as exhibits to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the first pending reexamination to the '648 patent, referenced in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement to this Amendment).

Examination on the merits of Claims 20-60 is respectfully requested.



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